



# Kiowa Tribe

## Child Care Program

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Office of Child Care  
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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how The Kiowa Tribe plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

### **Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)**

The Kiowa Tribe CCDF program will use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services, including childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus. To provide immediate assistance, the Kiowa Tribe CCDF Application must be received along with Kiowa Tribal Identification and Birth Certificate. The additional documents maybe received at within 2 weeks after determination of eligibility. In addition, to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency by paying for children based on enrollment rather than attendance.

### **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

The Kiowa Tribe CCDF program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The program will re-write policies and procedures which will be updated with CDC guidelines. Collaboration will be made with the state CCDF program, CDC, Indian Health Service Units and the local Tribal CCDF programs.

**Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

The Kiowa Tribe CCDF program has not yet determined how we will CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows:

October 1, 2021, the program will look into additional guidance to finalize our plans by the date.

**Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

The Kiowa Tribe CCDF program has not yet determined how we will CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows:

October 1, 2021, the program will look into additional guidance to finalize our plans by the date.

**Other**

The Kiowa Tribe CCDF program will use CRRSA funds to provide health care needs such as COVID testing for staff and children, transportation for families to receive care during COVID Illness, Groceries and learning activities for families, PPE supplies to families and centers, Storm Shelters at the Child Care Center, and loan out of 10 generators to families who need the generators during emergency weather conditions, and purchasing air purifiers.

The Kiowa Tribe will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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